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By ECF

The Honorable Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

MEMO ENDORSED: The application is granted. The conference currently scheduled for May 20, 2021 will take place by telephone. The parties are directed to dial 888-363-4749 to participate, and to enter the access code 6212642. The press and public may obtain access to the telephone conference by dialing the same number and using the same access code. The Court is holding multiple telephone conferences on this date. The parties should call in at the scheduled time and wait on the line for their case to be called. At that time, the Court will un-mute the parties' lines. Prior to the conference, the parties must email Michael\_Ruocco@nysd.uscourts.gov and GardepheNYSDCChambers@nysd.uscourts.gov with the phone numbers that the parties will be using to dial into the conference so that the Court knows which numbers to un-mute. The email should include the case name and case number in the subject line.

**Re: United States v. Donnell Russell  
20 CR 538 (PGG)**

SO ORDERED.



Paul G. Gardephe  
United States District Judge  
Dated: May 20, 2021

Dear Judge Gardephe:

With the consent of the Government, I write to request that Mr. Donnell Russell's status conference scheduled for May 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m., be conducted remotely. Mr. Russell is out of custody and lives in Chicago, IL, and I am physically out of the jurisdiction. We are both available for a remote conference at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Russell has been advised of his right to proceed in person with this status conference but knowingly and voluntarily waives this right in light of the ongoing risks associated with interstate air travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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